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Recalling his-story



Randolph Phillips, Sr.

by Avery Grant

LONG BRANCH—Randolph Phillips, Sr., a Long Branch resident, community activist and housing manager for the Long Branch Housing Authority recalled his personal history at the Black History Month Service held recently at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church.

NAMES OF CONVICTED ILLEGAL DUMPERS PUBLISHED

NEWARK—The City of Newark continued its attack on illegal trash dumpers this week by taking out full-page advertisements featuring the names of 110 people convicted of dumping within its borders over the past twelve months.

The first ad ran in *The Star-Ledger* and *El Nuevo Cogi* on March 8, followed by the *Portuguese Post* on March 11, *City News* on March 13, and the *Italian Tribune News* on March 14. The newspapers have a combined circulation of more than one-half million readers.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James said that he and his designees published the list to illustrate that Newark is actively enforcing anti-dumping laws and meting out stiff punishments. "We especially wanted to include the addresses of the dumpers to illustrate the fact that 54 percent of those convicted were non-residents," he said. "Many people incorrectly operate under the assumption that whenever they have household trash, tires, construction debris, and other forms of refuse, they can just drive into Newark and dump it on a quiet side street in Newark."

This kind of behavior is criminal and it is being punished."

The current series of ads follows the October 17, 1995 publication of the names of 18 convicted dumpers. James said that Newark's Municipal Court judges are imposing the

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NJ HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT SPORTS LEGENDS

EAST RUTHERFORD—The Board of Directors of the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey announced that seven sports legends and two special teams are to be honored as the fourth class of inductees in the Hall of Fame. New Jersey natives to be inducted in to the Hall of Fame are:

Al Attles - Basketball Super-Star Player and Coach
Dean Cetrulo - Olympic Baseball Medal Fencer
Deron Cherry - Perennial NFL All-Pro
Ray Dandridge - Baseball Hall of Famer
Marvin Hagler - Legendary Middleweight Champion
John McMullen - Owner, New Jersey Devils
Jim Ringo - Football Hall of Famer, 1937 Newark Bears Baseball Team
1995 New Jersey Devils Stanley Cup Champions

According to Sports Authority

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by Kelly Howard

NEWARK—As presidential elections are being discussed, the question of who will be mayor of the city of Newark in 1998 is running through the minds of some. Some, but not the mind of Mayor Sharpe James, even with all of the controversies surrounding his administration.

When asked, James remained publicly non-committal about his plans. Yet, close friends say he privately looks forward to proving his critics wrong by surviving the investigations and winning an unprecedented fifth 4-year term as the chief

executive in Newark. Any plans James makes may be hindered by the investigations of federal and state authorities in ongoing corruption probes. James will also have to deal with those who want him out of office—by any means necessary.

In a recent federal corruption probe into businessman Peter Ronald Delia Santi and Richard Bernardi, there was an attempt to frame James for taking part in their payoff scandal. Delia Santi told authorities that Bernardi told him to "say Sharpe James was involved in robbing the city," if he was ever caught.

At this time there is no evidence



Newark Mayor Sharpe James

whether the two attempted to carry out the scheme, and according to James the only information he knew about the frame-up scheme was what he had heard second-hand.

Following on the heels of the indictments of his chief of staff, Jackie Mathon, Police Commissioner William C'lester, and former Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alesio, the frame-up attempt does very little to help James' image with the people and investigators, and adds an extra burden to any plans he has to run for office.

With an anticipated field of as many as 15 candidates in the May

1998 election, James' chances for reelection, if he were to run, appear to be slim.

Including the only announced candidate, West Ward Councilman Ronald Rice, there are rumors that both Councilwoman At-Large Mildred Crump and Essex County Prosecutor Clifford Minor are both studying the possibilities of running for the mayor's office.

James contends that whatever his decision may be, it won't be heard from him for some time. "When I'm in office, I never discuss future elections. I'm too busy doing the day-to-day work of government," said James.

HUD plans to better life

NEWARK—The office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be inaugurating new plans to reorganize programs and rebuild public housing in major urban areas like Newark. These improvements will have a positive effect on the lives and communities of African American families, said Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of HUD in a recent interview with *City News*.

"We are tearing down the worse housing units and replacing them with safer, more livable townhouse developments," Cisneros said. "We are forming partnerships with troubled public housing authorities to improve their performance. We are changing rules to encourage work. We are cracking down on crime, drugs and violence," he added.

From the perspective of cities and communities, over the past three years

HUD has undertaken the most dramatic restoration in the federal government. In the most recent Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP) scores for urban areas from all over New Jersey have shown a striking improvement. Long Branch Housing Authority recently achieved a high performer score with 93.78 percent, beating out many large public housing authorities.

"We have been working very intensely to try to reduce the number of housing authorities on the troubled list... We've literally gone city by city, community by community and tried to attack the conditions in these housing authorities," Cisneros said.

Taking up the challenge issued by President Clinton, Cisneros said that HUD will be taking up a new four-component program that will

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL

Julanne Miller named CEO for PHC

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—"My hopes are to work at continuing to expand and improve as a major force in the health care area," said Julanne W. Miller, the newly appointed president and chief executive officer for the Plainfield Health Center. Miller was recently elevated to her new position as the Center's president and CEO by a resolution decision of the board of directors for the Plainfield Neighborhood Health Services Corporation. Miller has served as executive director since December 1985.

In assuming her new position Miller has many plans and hopes for the Plainfield Health Center.

"I would like for us to move forward into the next century to become a completely effective health care environment," said Miller.

"I want to work at strengthening our position in the Plainfield community as a health care provider."

Miller's elevation president and CEO is one that is fitting with all of



Julanne W. Miller

the hard work and dedication that she has put into the Plainfield Health Center and her strong ties to the community of Plainfield.

Miller is credited with the growth and expanded services now offered at three sites: its main office at 609-

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Kean appoints new president



Ronald Appabuum

UNION—After all of the controversy surrounding the search, the peacefulness encompassing the appointment of the Kean College's new president by the school's board of trustees seemed ironic.

During the trustees' regular meeting, the unanimous approval of Ronald Appabuum, president of Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass. came through without any of the flash and fireworks that were part of the start and continual nightmare of the search.

Appabuum, the 16th president of Kean College, is the result of a lengthy search, attracting nationwide attention because of the cause for it and the disservice that surrounding the proceedings. Initially set off by a speech

100 Black Women celebrate Black History Month

MENLO PARK—A special evening of festive song, dance, food, and fine fashions washed recently as the New Jersey Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, in cooperation with Nordstrom's of Menlo Park, hosted "A Celebration of Black History."

More than 400 guests were treated to performances by the Newark Boys' Chorus, Return to the Source, and the African Heritage Dance Ensemble. Event attendees had the privilege of a private shopping spree at Nordstrom's since the store has closed to the public.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Coalition's community programs including the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Summer Arts Camp.

"Tonight's event, through the generosity of Nordstrom's and the hard work of our membership, will allow our chapter to continue to play an important role in our many communities," stated Marion Fowler, chapter president.

"Through events like this, we raise



Marion Fowler, president NJ Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (c) with the Boys Newark Boys Chorus.

awareness, cultivate leadership, and promote the myriad talents of African-American women throughout New Jersey and the country," Fowler continued.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Summer Arts Program, is directed at bringing the

richness of dance, theater and music training to inner city and suburban children.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women is an advocacy organization, founded to empower African-American women through programs that meet their diverse needs.

555 years in captivity Rebelling for Freedom

By the 1830's, white Americans, especially those in the South, had become used to major slave revolts. This awareness developed as early as 1791 in Haiti, when blacks there began their revolution against their French masters. The Haitian slave revolt shook the Southern American slave owners.

As news reporter related the events, fleeing Haitian slave owners came to America with more tales of what was happening. After all that happened in Haiti, slave conspiracies and major revolts became a reality in the minds of Southern slave owners and slaves.

In the summer of 1800, Gabriel Prosser, recruited fellow slaves to take the city of Richmond, Virginia. With plans to first burn the city, then seize munitions and take Governor James Monroe as a hostage, the slaves hoped to exchange him and others for the abolition of slavery in the state.

The advantage of a great deal of freedom of the area's slaves helped the plans for the rebellion proceed well until some slaves informed the authorities of what was being plotted. Prosser and over thirty others were captured by the military, tried and subsequently hung.

In 1822, South Carolina's Denmark Vesey organized both city and plantation slaves to gain their freedom. Vesey, a native of St. Thomas, was self-educated, purchased his free-



Nat Turner, preacher and leader of one of America's most famous slave revolts in captured in a Virginia swamp in 1831.

dom in 1800 with money he won in a lottery.

For several months he and his comrades plotted to take the city's arsenals, gunhouses, and naval stores. Again plans for freedom of many slaves were betrayed when a house servant revealed the plans. Over the following two months, 130 blacks were arrested, 67 were convicted of trying to raise an insurrection. Thirty-five, including Vesey, were hung.

Nat Turner's 1831 rebellion had more impact than any other slave rebellion of pre-Civil War America. With a sizable group of supporters, which grew as the revolt proceeded,

1821-1831

1821 - To qualify to vote in NY, blacks must own more property and reside longer to the state than whites. Harriet Tubman is born into slavery in Maryland.

1822 - Denmark Vesey, a former slave in Charleston, SC, plans an insurrection to seize arsenals, gunhouses and munitions supplies, take the city and kill all whites.

1823 - A U.S. Circuit Court in Washington, DC, upholds that the removal of a slave into a free state, where slavery is not legally practiced by the law, bestows freedom on that slave.

1825 - Josiah Henson, the alleged model for Harriet Beecher Stowe's character "Uncle Tom," leads a group of runaway slaves from Maryland to freedom in Kentucky. Henson later flees to Canada.

1826 - A mob of whites in Cincinnati attempts unsuccessfully to drive the black population of 690 residents from the city. Governor Sarah Remond is born in Salem, MA.

1827 - Ten thousand blacks are freed in New York when the state abolishes slavery on July 4.

1828 - William Lloyd Garrison becomes involved in the antislavery movement and writes an article for the National Philanthropist, an antislavery journal, attacking slavery and restrictions on educating slaves.

1829 - Walker's Appeal, written by black activist David Walker, is published; it calls upon slaves to rise up against their masters. In Cincinnati an estimated 1,200 blacks fled to Canada after mobs of whites looted and burned their homes.

1830 - The first National Negro Convention meets in Philadelphia.

1831 - In Southampton County, VA, Nat Turner leads a bloody slave rebellion, killing approximately 60 whites. Backlash is swift and merciless, as troops slaughter blacks indiscriminately.

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PEOPLE

JoAnn Davis named assistant dir. of enrollment services at UCC



JoAnn Davis

CRANFORD—JoAnn Davis of Scotch Plains, a veteran staff member at Union County College, has been promoted to the position of assistant director of enrollment services. In her new position, Davis assumes the combined role of registrar and director of admissions. She supervises a 15-member staff in coordinating grades, graduations, scheduling ranging from classroom assignments to examinations to classes. She

is responsible for all past and present student records dating back to the College's founding in 1933, registrations, and academic calendars on the College's Campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains.

She joined the College staff in 1982 as a part-time records clerk and has since held positions as transcript clerk, degree audit clerk, recorder, assistant director of registration and records, and registrar.

Davis holds a bachelor's degree in English from Montclair State University and is enrolled in a master's degree program in Liberal Studies at Rutgers University, Newark.

She is an active member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and Systems and Computer Technology Corp., a computer systems affiliation. Ms. Davis is also president of the College's New Jersey Education Association middle management chapter. Ms. Davis is also on the board of directors of the Jerseyland Park Community center in Scotch Plains.



Anheuser Busch salutes Martin Luther King honorees

Cynthia Moore (l) corporate affairs northeast region manager, Anheuser Busch Companies, and supporters of the Newark Community school of the Arts (NCSA) congratulate honorees during a Martin Luther King holiday celebration at the school. The ceremony, sponsored by Anheuser Busch recognized the civic achievements of outstanding individuals who strive to preserve King's legacy and support local youth initiatives. Honorees (2nd from l) Joyce Smith-Carter, program dir. G. Goss Youth Services; John Smith, Newark police officer; Richard J. Gressklaus, senior VP, Integrity House; and Eileen Leahay, (r) accepting for Shirley M. Ward, community affairs dir., Power, Supply Energy & Gas Co. are accompanied by (l) NCSA officials Betty Hughes; Saunders Davis, founder; Marc Primus and Joyce Perry-Jacobs.

New president

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made by Khalid Muhammad, former national spokesman for the Nation of Islam, in which he denounced Jews, Catholics, homosexuals and whites in South Africa, the situation led to criticism and the resignation of former President Elsa Gomez.

After several failed attempts at consensus, the board of trustees named Henry Ross, the college's director of institutional research, as interim president.

During the search, problems persisted with claims of racial tension and favoritism plaguing the search committee. On February 16, Ross withdrew his candidacy, citing the lack of consensus support from the board.

As president of Westfield State College, Appahum served since 1990, and before that was vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Ross will continue to act as interim president until the end of the spring semester, when he will take a year's sabbatical at the president's salary of \$110,000. Ross will also get paid for his accrued vacation time and will retain his tenured rank of professor, which was granted in October.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

CRANFORD—Free Financial Aid workshop at the Roy W. Smith Theater at UCC 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7501.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

NEWARK—Join poet Amiri Baraka and author Allen Ginsberg for an intense evening of discussion, 7 p.m. at the Essex County College Mary Burch Theatre. \$5 for ECC students with ID, \$10 public. For more info call 201-877-3208.

MAHWAH—A Rap on Race Rampage professor Demetria Roys presents her documentary about four African-American women in the York Fin. at 2 p.m.

NEWARK—Newark School of Fine & Industrial Arts presents a High School Senior Portfolio Review 9:30 to 11 p.m. For more info call 705-388.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

ORANGE—Nationally syndicated talk show host Tony Brown of Tony Brown's Journal will be present at a book signing at the Peppermint Lounge at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Trillaste Cowboys Association.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

PLAINFIELD—Basic math volunteer tutor training program at the Plainfield Public Library 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7996.

JERSEY CITY—Blue Cross Blue Shield presents a Health Fair at its Journal Square location at 10 a.m. For more info call 201-963-6460.

NEWARK—The Interfaith Services Task Force presents free prostate screenings at St. Luke's AME Church 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are necessary so call Dr. Varner at 201-484-3030 or Roslyn Diligard, RN at 201-268-1424.

MARCH 16 & 17

PLAINFIELD—BLUF Community Center Complex host a Multicultural Arts & Crafts Show at the center at 403 W. 7th St. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, featuring paintings by Alonzo Adams. For more information call 908-561-0123.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

CAMDEN—Shoestring PLUS Teacher Seminars in Creative Dramatics from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Rutgers University campus. Registration begins at 3:15 p.m. Pre-registration fee is \$25.

Newarkers receive 'Wizard of Oz On Ice' awards



NEWARK—Newark Deputy Mayor Ramona Santiago (l) was on hand to help characters from the "Wizard of Oz On Ice" show, present awards to three Newark citizens (l-r, seated: Victor Rodriguez, Walter Peary and William Elmore) during a City Hall ceremony. The ceremony kicked off the ice show, which ran recently at the Continental Airlines Arena. The Cowardly Lion presented the Certificate of Valor to Elmore, who, while on vacation in Florida, single-handedly apprehended a hit-and-run motorist attempting to escape. The Order of the Kind Heart, presented by the Tin Woodman, went to Rodriguez, who has shown an abundance of kindness to the youth of Newark through the Newark Police Athletic League (PAL) and its Karate Program. The Master of Cogitation (serious thinking) award was presented by the Scarecrow to Peary, a 10-year-old participant of the City's PAL program.

Daniel Williams to serve on Essex County Board of Elections



NEWARK—Daniel Williams of Newark, has been nominated for a two-year term on the Essex County Board of Elections by Governor

Christine Todd Whitman. Williams' selection follows a recommendation by Essex County Democratic Chairman Thomas P. Giblin to the bipartisan four-member board. Williams is active in numerous civil rights organizations, including executive board member of the Newark NAACP, executive VP of the New Jersey State Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Treasurer to the New Jersey Organization of Black Labor Leaders, and a member of the New Jersey United Negro College Fund Committee. He was general chairman for three years of Newark's Crispus Attucks Day Parade (now the Black Heritage Day Parade) in the 1970's.

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NATION

Denny's aims new campaign at minorities

National News at a Glance

BURGER KING LAUNCHES MINORITY DEVELOPMENT VENTURE

La-Van Hawkins, one of the nation's most successful African-American entrepreneurs, and Robert C. Lowes, chairman and CEO of Burger King Corp., have announced plans to develop 125 Burger King restaurants in cities designated as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities under a major federal initiative created by the Clinton Administration. The plan is the largest development venture of its kind undertaken by a fast food chain. Located in inner-city neighborhoods, the restaurants will be operated by Urban City Foods and employ as many as 20,000 people from those neighborhoods.

—WASHINGTON, DC

INCREASING MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) have launched a new grants program to help fund educational partnerships designed to increase the number of minority students well-prepared to pursue careers in medicine, nursing and other health professions. The foundation has awarded \$2.75 million, with an additional \$1.25 million authorized, in grants and technical assistance over a five-year period to 10 minority partnerships throughout the country to achieve this goal. For information on local area schools and programs, contact the Foundation at (609) 243-5937.

—PRINCETON, NJ

STOKELY CARMICHAEL RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Kwame Turner, formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, has been released from New York's Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where he received medical treatment for prostate cancer. Dr. Barbara Justice, Turner's personal physician said he is responding well to radiation therapy and is expected to continue to do well. Well-wishes are asked to send letters to: Kwame Turner, Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 386, New York, NY, 10274-0386. And persons wishing to help defray the expenses of ongoing health care should send contributions to: The Medical Fund for Kwame Turner, The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations (IFCO), 402 West 145th Street, New York, NY 10031, NEW YORK, NY.

HENRY PONDER TO HEAD NAFO

Dr. Henry Ponder has been named president of the 117 historically and predominantly black colleges and universities membership association. Ponder is currently president of the Risk University in Nashville and was president of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina.

—COLUMBIA, SC

SPARTANBURG, SC (AP)—Denny's restaurants, stung by accusations of racial discrimination against customers, plans to launch a new ad campaign aimed at black audiences.

The company plans to run the spots on Black Entertainment Television, the American Urban Radio Network, Ebony, Jet, and NAACP's Crisis Magazines.

Bill Withers, known for his Grammy-award-winning songs "Ain't No Sunshine," "Just the Two of Us" and "Lean on Me," composed and recorded the music for the television and radio commercials. Glover & Potter, a minority ad agency, has been commissioned to develop the ads.

"I think it's a way of diversity becoming a part of the company,"

said spokeswoman Karen Randall. "It's to reach out more to our minority customers and to more efficiently use the minority media."

Denny's, owned and operated by Spartanburg-based Flagstar Companies Inc., has been accused of racial discrimination in the past.

In 1994, Denny's and Flagstar agreed to pay \$46 million to settle two

class-action lawsuits in California and Maryland alleging racial discrimination. The Maryland case involved six black Secret Service agents assigned to guard President Clinton.

Later that year, a dozen blacks in Chicago filed suit saying a waitress threw menus at them and served white customers first. And last April, a

black couple filed suit against Denny's, saying they had to wait 90 minutes to be served an inedible breakfast.

Jon Jameson, Denny's new vice president of marketing, said Denny's plans to find a Hispanic-owned agency to develop a marketing program for the Hispanic market.

Sports legends

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president Bob Mulcahy. "The rich history of sports in New Jersey continues to provide us with extraordinary people and events to honor in the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey. From this time forward all those who enter the Meadowlands will have the opportunity to see the plaques honoring these very special athletes, contributors and events in the history of our great State."

The Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey was established by the State Legislature and is overseen by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition

Authority. A gala induction dinner will be held in the Pegasus Restaurant at the Meadowlands Racetrack on Thursday, May 16.

The Hall of Fame honors amateur or professional athletes, deceased or alive, who have resided in New Jersey or who have a significant connection to the Garden State.

Also included is a category of contributors who are coaches, officials, members of the sports media, and individuals who served in administrative, promotional or other influential capacities.

Dumpers

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maximum penalties allowed under municipal and State of New Jersey anti-dumping laws. These include minimum fines of \$2,500, up to six months in jail, loss of driver's license for up to one year, forfeiture of the vehicle used for dumping, and up to 90 hours of community service.

The mayor added that they city's police and sanitation enforcement officers are using video camera surveillance, stake-outs, investigations and a tip hotline to catch dumpers. "Our efforts are starting to work," he said. "Last year we saw a significant decline in the amount of trash cleaned from vacant lots and disposed by the city, which is attributable to the work

of our illegal dumping task force." Illegal dumping places a severe strain on Newark's resources, James said. "We're spending over \$1 million annually for cleanups. I'm sure every taxpayer in Newark could think of better uses for their dollars, especially when you consider the fact that many illegal dumpers are from outside the city."

His-story

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mother and grandmother. He remembered that in his entire life he only saw his father twice.

Phillips recalled in the late 1940s, seeing the Ku Klux Klan marching down the road, and all the blacks rushing into their houses, and sitting quietly in the dark, hoping not to become targets of the Klan.

He remembered having to sit upstairs in the "colored people's" balcony in the movies, and traveling on the train to New Jersey, they had a "shoe box full of chicken," because "Negroes" were not allowed to eat in the dining car before the Mason-Dixon Line.

In his teen years he was captain of the Long Branch High School Football Team, which was the undefeated state champions, and with a full ath-

letic scholarship, was the first to integrate the football team at the University of Tulsa OK.

Phillips also recalled being refused a haircut in the campus barber-shop, because "they didn't have the tools to cut his kind of hair." After he told the coach, he never had that problem at the shop again.

Phillips' message was that in spite of problems, poverty, racism, single-parent rearing, "This is a great country where you can do anything you want. It does not matter where you come from, it's what you want to do."

A trustee and active member at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Red Bank, he concluded saying, "We can make a difference if we work together, God never intended us to be segregated."

Better life

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invest in such community assets as housing, job and business development and opportunities for children and families.

"The first step of the proposal calls for giving communities more power over federal programs, by consolidating over 20 programs into three core funds that will give flexibility in funding for results. As a reward for high performers there will be bonus funding."

"We are moving aggressively to improve local management capabilities, and accountability for public funds," said Cisneros.

"The next step would include changing the whole dynamic of public and assisted housing by getting tougher on crime in housing and mismanagement by owners and housing authorities. The plan will replace the worst housing units and change the rules to reward people who work and

improve their efficiency and responsibility."

To further help those who are trying to help themselves, the next point of the program would ensure the opportunity of home ownership for all Americans by revamping FHA. Helping public housing residents and Section 8 recipients buy their own homes is just part of a step to getting

people to take care of themselves. "By encouraging changes in rules that help working families, we help the entire community," said Cisneros.

The final step would be to transform HUD into a "right-side-up" community-first Cabinet agency by creating single points of contact for all major localities. This would aid in cutting red tape in Washington.

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EDITORIAL

Black Press, There For The People

This month the Black Press of America will be celebrating 160 years of providing a much needed service in this country. As mainstream media overlooked and downplayed the contributions and events going on in the black community, the Black Press has seen to it to provide coverage. With over 10 million readers a week, more than 200 newspaper operations in 38 states, the Black Press is the nation's most constant, and ongoing, forum that illustrates the richness of our people.

As the second oldest institution in black America, black newspapers have been the voice of black America from before the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement to today. On March 1, 1827, John Russwurm and Samuel E. Cornish set out with the goal "to arrest the progress of prejudice, and to shield ourselves against consequent evils," for their publication *Freedom's Journal*, the first black newspaper.

Followed by many newspapers, magazines, and organizations, *Freedom's Journal* set down a path of heralding the good and bad times of the black community. Each of these publications took on the mantle to honestly show the world what was going on.

Newspapers like the *Chicago Defender*, the *Pittsburgh Courier* and *City News*, not only tell it like it is, but also see to it that recognition is given to those who are providing something positive to the black community. In furthering that *City News* is preparing to honor 100 Most Influential people who have made great contributions to the black community in New Jersey. With this special event, *City News* will be continuing on that path set so long ago of providing a service and for the black community.

by Connie Woodruff



If you think Mayor Sharpe James' popularity with the rank and file voters in Newark is slippery, forget it. Those predicting the mayor is finally on a slippery slope appear to be just wishful thinkers compared to the thousand-odd guests who recently attended his birthday bash at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Most of the SRO crowd voluntarily coughed up \$150 per head for the all-you-can-eat, cash bar (free wine) and entertainment from beginning to end.

Whether guests (many lifelong friends of his) came to see how

THE PASTOR'S WORD

by Rev. Reginald T. Jackson

There are many issues about to come to a head in the State of New Jersey that have major implications for blacks and the communities in which we live. In the past we have seen the rise of black leaders, or given short shrift by state leaders. The issue of charity care now before the General Assembly is a prime example. It state leaders took blacks and the poor seriously the issue would have been resolved months ago.

But why are the interests of blacks taken so lightly or ignored? Well one of the major reasons is because of the divisions and infighting among some of our black elected leaders. This—not only affects us with state leaders, but in a host of areas from party politics, appointments, development of policy you name it. Even now there is a major fight going on about who is going to lead the president's campaign for reelection in New Jersey. It has led to "supposed" secret meetings, derogatory letters and a host of other acrimonious deeds which not only harm them but also harm the community, but which also reflect poorly on other blacks in the state.

For some time I have been critical of black leadership, many believe unfairly and too hard. Whether I have or not at this point is moot, but one thing is clear and that is that we need our black elected leaders to get their acts together then get together. Their division and infighting is exacting too high a price on the rest of us.

I want to make it clear that my criticism of black elected leaders has never been because I felt they were incompetent or incapable. In fact this area has some of the smartest, most articulate and capable leaders of any race in the country. This has never been their shortfall. Their shortfall has been the lack of unity among themselves. They constantly allow themselves to be pitted against each

Big 60 or to welcome the return of Kool and the Gang after an eight-year separation from each other is speculative but whatever brought old "homies" together again made Newark a fun night for old and young. For those who joined the mayor in some raucous rock 'n' roll and those who just enjoyed the Jersey bond and bread musicians who are still tops as musicians and spirited performers.

As political as the mayor is, for once he spared his guests hours of political spiel, deferring briefly to Congressman Bob Torricelli, who paid a surprise visit and was due recognition as the highest ranking elected official.

It was understandable mention had to be made that Mr. Torricelli is the front runner among candidates seeking the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacated by Senator Bill Bradley

this year.

With an eye toward closing the gap between urban and suburban Republican in Essex County, some leaders are urging Cathy Sumpter Edwards to run for county vice chair.

Cathy is the wife of Newark's South Ward Republican chairman Harold Edwards, who together with Hardin Simmons, the GOP Central Ward chairman, control the Newark-based county committee members. They could make the difference for whomever the candidates are for Essex County Republican chairman.

And African American Republican in Essex County may also make a difference for the Republican who runs against Pres. Clinton in November.

Better late than never is our response to Irvington Mayor Sara Bost

and the town policemen promising to clean up the strip of 18th Avenue within the town's boundaries.

Whether one walks or drives through the three-block area between Irvington and Newark's West Ward, it's like wading through the twilight zone with prostitutes, drug dealers, idle youth and just plain loiterers.

Merchants along the strip petitioned the Irvington council for help in a situation they describe as "out of control" pointing to a drop in business due to panhandlers and others blocking entrance to a local bank, drug stores and other assorted businesses.

Newark's deputy Mayor Ramona Santiago may be moving to higher political office.

Rumor has it the attorney-funeral

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Clinton's reelection

by Julian K. Robinson

Anyone seeking a compelling reason to vote for the reelection of President Clinton need do no more than review the totally lackluster offerings of the three major Republican presidential candidates. It's hard to imagine a more uninspiring group of potential national leaders than, Patrick Buchanan, Bob Dole and Steve Forbes.

Not only are the three remaining would-be-presidents saying absolutely nothing of relevance to African Americans, their respective campaigns seem woefully lacking in ideas which speak the concerns of the majority of American voters.

Moreover, the fierce and bruising primary fight in which the trio is presently involved would seem to guarantee the kind of lingering catastrophic inter-party wreckage from which Republicans are unlikely to recover by November. Some analysts predict that it will get so bad that Republican moderates may even entertain the possibility of supporting Clinton in the fall campaign.

Don't go holding your breath until that happens, but the fact it has been suggested as a possibility indicates the extent of disarray into which the GOP has fallen during the few months in which, Buchanan, Dole and Forbes (Lamar Alexander and Phil Gramm before they dropped out of the race) have been tearing each other apart.

Perhaps the most damage to prospects for a Republican presidential victory in November is being inflicted by former Nixon speech writer and CNN commentator Pat Buchanan. Waging what many consider a mean-spirited campaign of arrogance and negativism.

Buchanan's rhetoric worsened as he approached the important South Carolina primary, and several commentators agree that he has skillfully

advertised his own southern heritage and his support for the Confederate flag and other racist symbols to effect divide-and-conquer tactics. Syndicated columnist William Raspberry sums up Buchanan's tactics as "despicable." According to Raspberry, "If he's not a full-fledged racist, he is as close to the real thing as I ever want to see."

Although Buchanan claims he intends to remain in the race up to this summer's Republican convention, his chances of winning the nomination are nonexistent.

That leaves wealthy magazine publisher Steve Forbes and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, both considered extremely unexciting by many rank and file Republicans. The oil-quoted criticism of New Jersey's Forbes is that he is a "bumbler" who thinks that he inherited a multi-million dollar publishing fortune and that he strongly favors a flat (17 percent) income tax.

According to columnist Nicholas von Hoffman, "If he were \$400-\$500 million poorer, Steve Forbes would have been dropped into the bin with the other nutjobs who can't buy attention must get it by dialing radio call-in shows."

In the case of front-runner Dole, he is most often faulted for a "bumbling and stumbling" campaign style and for having no vision and hence, no message. Dole does have the money and organization which will probably ultimately secure the Republican nomination for him.

In view of the masterfully self-confident manner in which President Clinton steers his priorities, and truncated major national issues in his January's State-of-the-Union speech and particularly in view of how poorly Dole sounded by comparison in responding to Clinton's speech, the president's prospects for reelection in November have never seemed brighter.

His custody recently, outside Atlanta station WSB-TV 2.

The former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations had been trying to enter the station, 20 minutes before a presidential candidates' debate scheduled to be broadcast days before Georgia voters went to the polls to pick a presidential nominee.

Far behind the party's "leading candidates" in the race, Ambassador Keyes had not been invited to participate in the debate, even though GOP "front runner" Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) declined to participate. Atlanta police handcuffed him with his hands behind his back, put him into a squad car, drove him around for a half-hour or so, and then released him.

Mr. Keyes was livid over his police detention. "Atlanta and the police department have become pawns in a very vicious and ugly effort to manipulate and distort the American political process," he complained.

If you haven't figured it out already, Ambassador Keyes is black.

The unlikely Congressional tandem of Reps. McKinney (who represents suburban Atlanta) and Republican Watts (who refused to even join the Congressional Black Caucus), demanded that Atlanta Mayor William Campbell investigate the police conduct. "We do not believe that a member of an African-American presidential candidate being dragged away in handcuffs by police," they wrote Mayor Campbell, "make a convinc-

Dead men's bones...

other, manipulated and used to block somebody else or keep somebody else down.

But I plead with them to put aside their egos and personal ambitions for the good of the rest of us. Your division and infighting is costing us too much. Other leaders feel they have nothing to lose by voting and acting against our interests because our leaders aren't together.

Can you imagine how awesome it would be for blacks in this state to have our elected leaders united? Let's face it, Mayor Sharpe James is the best black leader Newark has ever had and he is greatly gifted.

Sharpe James' biggest enemy isn't Cardell Cooper or Donald Payne but Sharpe James. He could prove to be the number one black in the state by being a statesman and calling Mayor Cooper and Congressman Payne together and saying, "look our people need us working together, we've been fighting long enough." Mayor Cooper doesn't need to rise above Sharpe James or stand on Donald Payne to prove his leadership, but he can prove it by acknowledging that all these enemies can't be against me for no reason, especially enemies who used to be friends. Maybe it's something I've done. Reach out to them, bury the hatchet and let's start all over!

Congressman Payne doesn't have to duel with Sharpe James or deliver Mayor Cooper to prove he's the strongest, his just demeanor and sense speak stronger and more clearly for him than any effort to flex political muscle. We need them and all the other black elected officials to put aside their past differences and come together.

The people who elected you and who you are to lead need you to be united on their behalf. It would change the tenor and tone of the state and give a tremendous boost to blacks all over the state. Many of us are divided and pitted against each other because of your divisions and infighting.

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Sugar blues: experts seek to reverse diabetes among blacks

by Andre Worthing

Since the 1960s, the number of blacks with diabetes has tripled. Today, more than two million blacks in America have diabetes, and half of them don't even know it. Most of them mistakenly believe they are not at risk.

In an effort to reverse this alarming trend, The American Diabetes

Association (ADA) recently announced the launch of its African American Program.

The program, which is currently in 20 states, is a nationwide public education campaign that works with black churches by sponsoring "Diabetes Sunday" workshops that answer questions about prevention, treatment, and how to avoid the crippling complications associated with diabetes.

tes.

Dr. James R. Gavin, chairman of the program, recently explained its mission: "We want African Americans to take charge of their health and understand that with proper treatment and care, diabetes can be controlled, and complications, such as blindness, amputations and kidney failure can be prevented."

Blacks are twice as likely to have

diabetes than the general population, according to the ADA. The disease affects one in four black women over age 35.

Studies have shown that your chances of ending up with diabetes may not be a matter of fate or family genes, as many people believe. The way people get the disease is mostly a matter of how they live. Healthy habits such as regular exercise and good

nutrition outweigh genes as the key to prevention.

An honorary spokesperson for the program, actress Phylicia Rashad will appear in multimedia public service announcements during March, which is National Diabetes Month.

For more information on diabetes or the ADA's African American Program, call 1-800-DIABETES 1-800-342-2383.

Food for thought

Pathways to Success

Edited by Lloyd Ren Sloan



Traditionally, minorities have been underrepresented in the fields of science and engineering. In 1992, for example, only 5.9 percent of all doctorates conferred in those fields were awarded to minority candidates.

The minority Access to Research careers (MARC) program—now known as the Career Opportunities in Research Education and Training (COR)—was established by the National Institute of Mental Health to encourage minority students to choose science careers and, particularly, careers in the fields of mental health.

Pathways to Success (Howard University Press, May 1996, \$17.95) is an compilation of papers from twenty-two research studies conducted under an NIMH-COR grant to Howard University. The COR program grants funds to minority-dominated institutions of higher learning to train future scientists by pairing undergraduates with working scientists, researchers, and educators in the students' area of interest.

Dr. Sloan is associate professor, Department of Psychology, Howard University.

The future woman must have a life, work and economic independence. She must have the right of motherhood at her own discretion.

—W.E.B. Du Bois, 1920.

Federal grant to sponsor minority oral health projects

NEWARK—A \$4.2 million federal grant has been awarded to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and the University of Connecticut to find ways to improve the oral health of minority populations.

The grant, funded by the National Institutes of Dental Research (NIDR)

at the National Institutes of Health, will allow researchers at both schools to study the oral evidences of pediatric AIDS, oral cancer and baby-bottle cavities in African Americans and other minorities.

These projects were identified by the Northeastern Minority Oral Health Research Center as health problems

that disproportionately affect minority populations and could be prevented through intervention and education programs.

The center is a collaboration of the UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School Newark and the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington.

The projects will be conducted under the auspices of the research center, one of four research centers nationwide that focus on the oral health of minority populations.

The centers were created five years ago with funds from the NIDR to place an emphasis on minority-oriented dental research. According to a study published in the 1982 *Public Health Report*, a national journal, minorities and low-income families receive less dental care than the national average and experience a host of unique problems.

Among the study's findings were: Ten percent fewer minority and poor children visit a dentist annually compared with the U.S. average. The level of untreated dental cavities among minorities is greater than the national average.

The issue is impotence

LIVINGSTON—"Impotence Treatment Today and Tomorrow" will be the topic of the next Impotence Anonymous (IA) meeting on Thursday, March 14.

The meeting, aimed toward men with cardiac or renal problems, diabetes or prostate cancer, will be held in the Islamic Auditorium of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Old Short Hills Road, Livingston at 7:30 p.m.

Stanley Bloom, MD, an attending urologist at Saint Barnabas Medical Center and Director of Impotence Anonymous, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Bloom is also the medi-

cal director of the Men's Sexual Health Center of New Jersey, located in Livingston.

"Men suffering from a variety of medical conditions often feel that impotence is a side effect of their condition that they must live with, (but they) should not suffer needlessly because almost all cases of impotence are treatable," stated Dr. Bloom.

The monthly IA meetings are open to the public at no charge. Registration is not required. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call 201-335-1100.

Calvary Baptist hosts Youth Gospel Concert

PLAINFIELD—Calvary Baptist Church of Plainfield's "Junior Church Department" will be hosting a pre-Annual Day Youth Gospel Concert on Saturday, March 16 at 6 p.m. On Sunday the 17, the Church will celebrate its Annual Day. The Rev. Patricia Wilson, Youth Minister of Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy will be the guest minister. Calvary Baptist is located at 324 Monroe Avenue. For additional information contact Charles Barco at 908-755-2937.

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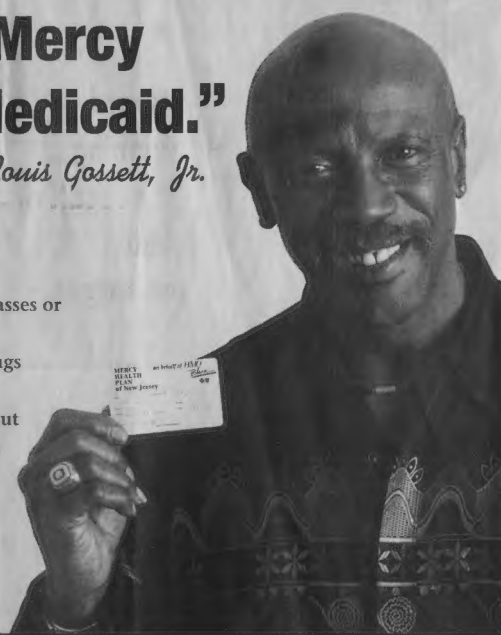
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THRU MARCH 31
PRINCETON—The *Misanthrope* by Mollare at the McCarter Theater. For info call 609-683-8800.

THRU APRIL 7
NEW BRUNSWICK—*Fear Itself* at Crossroads Theatre. For info call 908-249-5560.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
NEW YORK CITY—Jazz at Lincoln Center presents "Art Blakey, Jazz Massenger," the season's final Jazz Talk program, at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.

MARCH 14 THRU 17
NEWARK—African Globe Studio Theatre presents *Africanus the King*, play by Kabu Okai-Davies. 8 p.m. March 17 performance at 3:30 p.m. For ticket info call 201-624-1584.

MARCH 14 THRU APRIL 14
MORRISTOWN—*Driving Miss Daisy* at the Bickford Theatre at the Morris Museum. For info call 201-538-8069.

MARCH 15 THRU 17
NEWARK—Musical Revue: 49th Street Jazz featuring the works of Ellington, Walter & Gerhart. 8 p.m. at the Sunset Multi-Disciplinary Arts Center. March 17 performance at 3:30 p.m. For more info call 201-643-7883.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
NEW BRUNSWICK—American Diabetes Association Rainbow Gala at the Brunswick Hilton. For ticket information call 908-669-7773.

NEW YORK—UNICEF to host the world premiere of *Race the Sunraining Halls* Berry and James Baluchi at the Ziegfeld Theatre, 141 W 54th St. at 4 p.m. For tickets call 212-685-2003.

EAST ORANGE—Third Annual Night at the Apollo Talent Show at Clifford J. Scott High School. For more info call 201-673-0887.

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BOOK REVIEW

We Specialize In The Wholly Impossible A reader in Black Women's History

by John Leonard

The title of this book is taken from one of the mottoes by Nannie Helen Burroughs who founded the National Training School for Women and Girls in Washington, DC back in 1909. The significance of this motto is not lost in the number of essays which make up this very important anthology.

The reader will immediately become aware upon opening this book, that it is designed to be the basis of a serious study of African American, African women's history.

The students pursuing a course of study of black women's history discover that the book contains six chapters and a total of 32 essays. Each chapter is buttressed with many notes and references which the ambitious student will appreciate.

Most of these essays were published in the 1990's by writers of the present generation. These are the people whose writings cast a different spin and serious challenges to the often held misconceptions of the role of black women over the past 300 years.

This group of scholarly authority are to be commended for their position papers. The main idea is to explore the experiences of the African-American women throughout history.

There is a recurring theme in these essays which demonstrate the long standing double burden of discrimination of both race and gender which African-American women have been subjected to over time and continue to be so abused up to this very day.

The coverage here embraces the periods from African slave trade, 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The time frames are examined

and the stress or the propelling force is to strip away the myths, and negative stereotypes and to focus on the contributions and achievements of the African-American women.

These writers assail the negative concept of the black women's role and they succeed in ferreting out the contradictions in American History which have created the injustices and suffering endured by the African-American women.

Additionally, these authors exhort the reader, the student in Black History and the members of the black community to become more acutely aware of the accomplishments of the past and the contributions of the present day of the African-American women. An appreciation of what the future will hold for the African-American women requires an understanding of the historical past.

Glen Plummer stars in Up Close and Personal



SANTA BARBARA, CA—The talented Glen Plummer is starring with Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer in Touchstone Pictures' newest dramatic love story, *Up Close and Personal* now in theatres. The film is the story of a newspaper reporter (Pfeiffer) on her way to the top. Plummer plays Ned Jackson, her loyal cameraman, friend, and confidante. Glen Plummer has appeared in many motion pictures, stage productions, and television shows including *Frankie and Johnny*, *Mercer & Society*, and *Colors*. His role in *Speed* caught the attention of many Hollywood directors, and he has since starred in *Strange Days*, and *Showgirls*. Plummer also has a recurring role on the hit drama *E.R.*

When the V-Chip hits, don't duck stay tuned and involved

A commentary
by Evelyn K. Moore



On a recent episode of Fox TV's *New York Undercover*, a gang leader out to even a score opened fire in a crowded church, nearly killing one person and frightening all. In real life in the '90s, nine Southern black churches have been burned to the ground in what the FBI believes to be hate crimes.

Back on television, a rogue detective on the NBC TV police show, *Homicide: Life on the Street*, beats an innocent murder suspect mercilessly while getting only a slap on the wrist for his brutish behavior.

And in the actual world of crime and violence, a 15-year-old boy al-

legedly pushed a young woman onto the tracks of the New York City subway system, shoving her to her death in a robbery attempt.

Violence is a disturbing fact of life and fiction, and the line between what's real and what's make-believe gets blurrier every day. Children, especially those who are young, do not always distinguish between the two.

However, with the enactment of the new telecommunications bill, the denunciation will become clearer. At least that is the hope that the V-chip brings to viewers who are fed up with the glut of violence on television.

A device that blocks coded television shows, the V- or violencechip will be required in new television sets within two years. Parents will be better equipped to control their children's TV diet as a result.

But while the bells and whistles of this new technological breakthrough sound, let's not lose sight of parents as the first V-chip or P-chip,

if you will, for their children.

For just as television should not be a babysitter, the V-chip should not be a substitute parent. Mothers and fathers have a responsibility to determine what their children watch on television. Unfortunately, that responsibility is going unmet in many African-American homes.

Low income African children, who are disproportionately black, watch more television than any other group of kids. Through television, they can be exposed to all manner of violence and are especially vulnerable to becoming desensitized to it. TV violence compounds their exposure to the real thing.

Studies on television violence report that young viewers not only can become numb to violence, they are susceptible to considering violence as a solution to problems.

Thus, the power of television to influence behavior should compel African-American parents to stay in

tune with what their children are watching, acting as the first line of defense against undesirable programming. We should turn off the violence in our own homes.

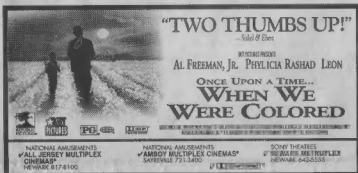
Another action step parents can take is to weigh in on the ratings debate spawned by the V-chip. The yet-to-be established rating system will determine which programs are coded for blocking.

The heads of ABC, CBS, NBC,

and FOX and their cable TV counterparts have already met with President Clinton to present their proposed system. Funny thing, as purveyors of violent programs, the networks have long resisted any attempts to censor content, yet they are now suggesting that they can in effect self-police.

The newfound sense of discipline imposed by the reformed telecommunications bill, which mandates a

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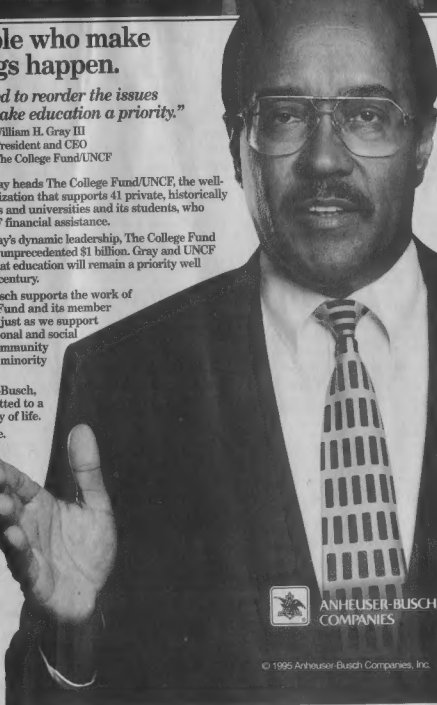
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THURSDAY, MARCH 14

CRANFORD—Business Law Seminar series designed to assist business owners in legal aspects of their operations, 10:40 a.m. at Union County College Campus. For more info call 908-709-7900.

EDISON—Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce 42nd Annual Business Expo & Small Business Leadership Award Luncheon at the Pines Manor in Edison. For more info call 908-821-1700.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

SOMERSET—SomerSet County First Time Home Buyer's Seminar 8:30 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Somerset. For more info call 908-358-9879 or 908-569-1700 ext. 222 or 224.

MARCH 17 THRU 18

ATLANTA, GA—Eight MOBE conference: Maximize Your Marketing Opportunities With Black Entertainment at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Atlanta. For more info call 212-938-1888.

MARCH 18 THRU 22

NEW YORK—Successful Business-to-Business Product Management sponsored by the American Management Association. For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

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Chase, Chemical commit to community lending

NEW YORK (AP)—Chase Manhattan Corp. and Chemical Banking Corp. have outlined plans for increasing loans to minorities and small businesses as the two banks prepare to merge into the nation's largest bank. The banks, which plan to merge March 31, said they will make \$1 billion in loans to small businesses in predominantly minority and low-income communities over the next five years.

They also plan to provide at least \$25 million in loans, investments and

grants to community development financial institutions that provide housing and small-business loans in predominantly minority communities.

Some \$4.26 million will be committed to community development agencies to provide loans for housing, small businesses and low-to-moderate-income in urban communities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Texas.

In November, the banks earned \$18.1 billion in loans and grants for low-income consumers

under a five-year plan, one of the largest such commitments ever made.

The move was intended to combat concerns that huge bank mergers will make it more difficult for poor people to get loans and other services widely available to middle and upper-income consumers.

The Chase-Chemical merger would create a bank with \$297 billion in assets, 2,000 offices and a leading position in consumer banking, mortgages, credit cards, corporate lending and other global services.

Jerry Barner honored for dedicated service



ELIZABETH—Jerry M. Barner, (c), owner of Jerry M. Barner & Sons Trucking Co. of Roselle, was presented a resolution honoring him for conducting business in the borough for almost 50 years by providing opportunities for its employees and its contributions to area churches, civic organizations and non-profit organizations. The resolution was presented by former Freeholders Elmer Elmer, Jr. (l) and Walter McLeod.

Promotion

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625 West Fourth Street, the Women's Center at 700 Park Avenue, and most recently the opening of the Cardinal Health Center on the Plainfield High School Campus. She has also taken an active part in the plans for the new health center building.

A long time Plainfield resident, Miller has been with Plainfield Health Center for 10 years and strives to improve things in the health field services. "I hope that we will eventually see it to that everyone is covered by some form of insurance," said Miller.

She has received numerous awards for her dedication to the community and health services, and was

honored with a Leadership New Jersey Partnership for New Jersey Fellowship ship by one of the class of 1995. Miller earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology from Rutgers University in 1974, and her Masters of Arts degree in Social Work from Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work in 1979.

Ron West, Chairman of the Board of Directors said, "Ms. Miller's greatest contributions to the greater Plainfield community has been first, raising the level and quality of primary health care services, and second, spearheading the fundraising drive for the soon-to-be opened Health Center Corporate Headquarters at

Rock and Myrtle Avenues, Plainfield, New Jersey." The new office building and its expanded primary health care services are already being referred to as a "New Jersey model of community-based primary health care," said West. "It is also the newest major construction in the City of Plainfield in years."

Miller is looking forward to her new position and the many improvements she hopes to work on for the Plainfield Health Center. "I would like to see us make the Plainfield Health Center the provider of choice for the people and community of this town."

V-chip

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rating system but gives the networks first dibs at creating it.

Black parents should not let the networks' proposals go unchecked. Write to the Federal Communications Commission, the White House, and the networks with recommendations for rating television shows. In the meantime and all the time, monitor your children's TV intake.

After all, the V-chip won't be around until 1998 and then only in new TV sets. Parents, on the other

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Environ K. Moore is executive director of the National Black Child Development Institute in Washington, DC.

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As I See It

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director may be tapped for Surgeon or Freeholder-At-Large post.

Meanwhile, Newark "sisters" are patiently waiting for Mayor James to name a long time black activist as one of the city's new deputy mayors.

James' record in this instance is commendable. To date, he has named more black women to high-profile, high-salaried positions than any other mayor in city history.

It's pretty certain Bobi Ruffin will

be out and somebody new will become Newark's Health and Human Services Director.

When James failed to reappoint her director in 1994, her title changed to acting health director.

Action on her reappointment may be attributed to a state threat to take over the Newark health department in 1993 because the city's lead-abetment program was "so poorly managed."

In that same year Newark's im-

mization program was criticized by the federal government for failing to meet national standards and the city has been faulted for its handling of the federal Ryan White AIDS funds, disqualifying it for millions of dollars in federal AIDS grants.

However, Ruffin will not be unemployed but will be transferred to another position in city government.

Prior to coming to Newark, Ruffin was an affirmative action officer at the National Broadcasting Network

and was hired by the city to oversee set aside programs for women and minority contractors.

In the next couple of weeks look for things to heat up in Orange where incumbent Mayor Bob Brown will be fighting off the efforts of councilman Mims Hackett to defeat his reelection.

Brown showed up for Mayor James' birthday celebration and appeared to be in good spirits and not the least bit worried about the outcome of the May 14 election.

And for better or worse, Orange attorney Cecil Banks is doggedly moving ahead to beat Congressman

Donald Payne in the 1996 primary election to become the Democratic candidate for the 10th congressional seat in November.

On a more pleasant note, ex-New Jersey Gail Fisher, (co-star of the Mannix detective TV thriller), will soon be suiting all the way to the bank again. Last week Fisher and co-star Mike Connors were guests on Channel 3's Today show, to talk about the revival of the '60s series soon to be shown on cable's Nickelodeon channel. It'll be fun watching the TV show that starred the first African American woman in a significant series role. Way to go, Gail!

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